

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for your continued support for our school and we are delighted with the rapid progress we are making with our continuing school improvement journey. Our school performed well overall in last summer's external assessments, and we are particularly proud of the results for our Year 6 pupils in **Reading**: 86% of Delta pupils achieved the expected standard, well above the national average of 74%. Furthermore, 82% of Delta pupils passed the **Year 1 Phonics** screening check, compared with a national average of 81%, and 57% of our Year 4 pupils met the expected standard in the **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check** with an average score of 22.1, well above the national averages of 34% and score of 20.6 respectively. We are incredibly proud of our pupils and staff who worked so hard to achieve these great outcomes.

A testament to the strong support we have from our parents and carers is reflected in the results of our recent parent survey, which was very positive overall:

98% of parents strongly agree/ agree that their child is happy at school.

96% of parents strongly agree/agree that their child feels safe at school.

98% of parents strongly agree/agree that the school makes sure its pupils behave well.

96% of parents strongly agree/agree that the school sets high expectations.

94% of parents strongly agree/ agree that there are a good range of subjects taught in school.

94% of parents strongly agree/agree the school supports their child's the wider personal development.

As we come to the end of the Autumn term, it is always wonderful to reflect on the things we have achieved this half term. As you read through the rest of the newsletter, you will see a showcase what our school offers to our wonderful Delta children, whether it is through our high-quality curriculum, or through the events we have to help develop their confidence, personal development and wellbeing.

Finally, we wish a you all a restful and enjoyable holiday with your family and friends. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to those who will be celebrating. Wishing you all a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all on the first day of the spring term on Monday 6th January 2025 at 8.45am.

Sarah Roberts

Executive Headteacher

Bindya Chapaneri

Head of School



DELTA PARLIAMENT WEEK

The week beginning 5th November, all the pupils experienced a polling day where they used the British Value of Democracy to vote for their class MP.

At the end of the week, we had a special Results Assembly. The new Delta Parliament for 2024 - 2025 was announced alongside our new Year 6 Head Student and Deputy Head Student.

We have already held Parliament meetings, where we have discussed changes and contributions that the pupils would like to make to school.



WOODWIND AND BRASS INSTRUMENT PERFORMANCE

Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to watch a wonderful Woodwind and Brass Instrument Performance performed by the Enfield Music Service. The pupils used their existing knowledge and learnt some new names of the instruments, such as the clarinet, oboe, trumpet, saxophone and tuba. They also had an opportunity to guess some of the songs that were played. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11th November, the whole school had a special assembly where the pupils understood the meaning behind Remembrance Day and what the poppy symbolises on this day. The whole school observed a 1-minute silence to remember those that have lost their lives in wars past and present.

KINDNESS AND FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Kindness and Friendship Week took place w/b 11th November, where the pupils came into school wearing their most colourful, loud and utterly amazing odd socks along with their school uniform. This was to show that we are all unique but can have different qualities to support the Anti-Bullying Alliance and this year's theme 'Choose Respect.'

The pupils also took part in a virtual 52 Lives Kindness Assembly where they were reminded the importance of kindness. After the workshop, Early Years and Key Stage 1 made Kindness notes to give to someone in their class and Key Stage 2 made loom band friendship bracelets for each other.



ANTI-BULYING PARENT MEETING

During Kindness and Friendship Week, our Delta parents were invited to attend a meeting. The aim of the meeting was to inform and educate our parents about the difference between bullying and friendship issues and also what the school have put in place if incidents do occur. Once again, we received a very positive feedback from the parents who attended.



Several
Times
On
Purpose



CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 15th November, the school supported the BBC charity Children In Need. We had a special assembly where the children learnt how Children In Need supports and changes the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. During Maths, the children took part in some Pudsey Bear Arithmetic activities too. We even had some pupils who came to school wearing Children In Need accessories alongside their school uniform. Thank you to everyone who also bought a £1.00 donation.

YEAR 4 FARAH CLASS ASSEMBLY

The pupils performed their class assembly for their parents and families. Their assembly showcased their History knowledge about how children's lives have changed through different historical periods, such as The Romans, The Tudors, The Victorians to present day. It was lovely to see the work that they have done and how all the pupils were so confident and able to recite their lines so well. Thank you to all the parents who attended the assembly.



ENRICHMENT AT AIM ACADEMY

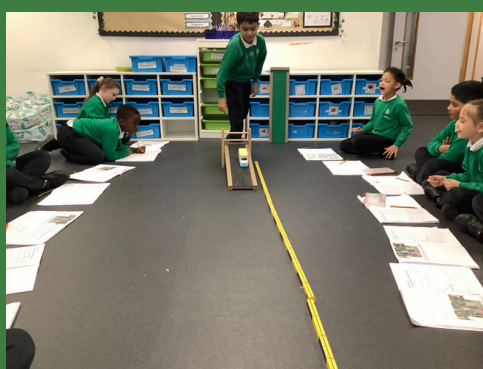
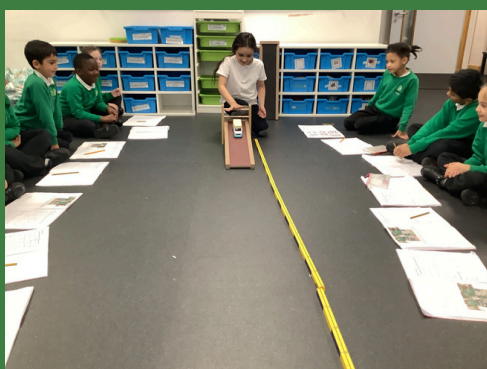
Year 5/6 Jemison class had the opportunity to visit the neighbouring secondary school - Aim Academy. The pupils have so far taken part in two enrichment afternoons. The first afternoon focused on French, where the pupils were given an insight into how French is taught at secondary school.

The second enrichment afternoon focused on Science. The pupils were inspired by the Science lesson and had the opportunity to participate in a practical lesson. They created their own red cabbage indicator to then test if mixtures were acidic, alkali or neutral solutions. The class are already looking forward to the sessions next term, which will focus on reading and writing.



INVESTIGATING FRICTION!

In Science, Year 3 Angelou class have been investigating how and why different surfaces create more or less friction. The pupils had to describe and compare how a toy car moves on rough and smooth surfaces. They also had to identify the variables that needed to be measured, changed or controlled. Finally, the pupils explained their conclusions using scientific vocabulary.



FRENCH DAY

On Friday 29th November, the whole school immersed themselves in the French language and culture, and the pupils came to school either wearing blue, white or red.

Our Reading zone was transformed into a French café, which each class visited to practice their spoken language skills, learning how to order, and enjoy, a croissant and a hot chocolate.

The pupils also had their own French passport where they earned stamps for completing activities such as playing Boules, learning about French artists, including Seurat and completing a picture of the Eiffel Tower using pointillism. Children also learned about French culture and other countries where French is spoken around the world. Pupils also learned and performed a song in French.

Finally, towards the end of the day, parents were also invited to our French café and pupils from Year 5/6 explained to the parents what they have learnt and enjoyed about French day.



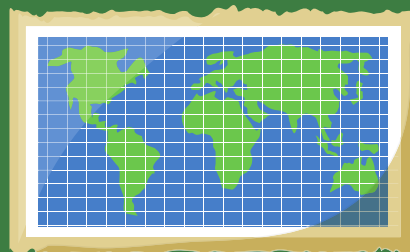
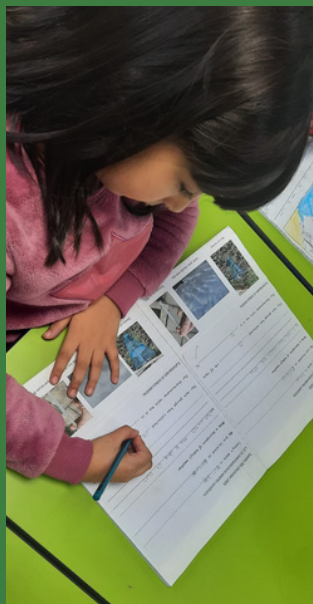
THAT'S SO SMOOTH!

In Design & Technology, Reception/Year 1 Kahlo class have been making a healthy fruit and vegetable smoothie. Pupils have been exploring different fruits and vegetables and describing where they grow. The pupils also practised and learnt how to safely use tools to help prepare the ingredients, then designed and made their own healthy smoothie. Finally, the pupils enjoyed tasting, drinking and describing how they taste.



RAINFALL IN OUR LOCAL AREA

In Geography, Year 2 have been learning about hot and cold climates. They started by locating the seven continents of the world and the Equator on a world map. Then learnt that the countries nearest to the Equator are hotter due to their location in relation to the sun. They then looked more closely at the weather in our local area and recorded daily temperatures using thermometers and rainfall using a rain gauge.



FRESHWATER THEATRE COMPANY

Freshwater Theatre Company carried out a workshop with Reception & Year 1 Kahlo class, where the pupils had to use their senses to explore traditional tales. The children were immersed in stories such as The Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs. All the pupils had a wonderful time.



MILLFIELD THEATRE CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

Year 2 Mandela, Year 3 Angelou, Year 4 Farah and Year 5/6 Jemison class went to Millfield Theatre to watch the Christmas Pantomime 'Aladdin and The Legions of Genies.' All the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the performance. The pupils were able to uphold our school values outside of school and were excellent representatives for Delta.



FESTIVE CONTINUOUS PROVISION

Reception Kahlo class have also enjoyed many festive continuous provision activities this week such as using their fine and gross motor skills to place coloured pegs on the Christmas tree, practising their letter formation and initial sounds to write a letter to Santa, using a range of materials and tools to decorate their calendars and using letter formation to mark their initial letters in the tuff tray filled with snow!



CHRISTMAS SONG PERFORMANCE

Reception & Year 1 Kahlo class and Year 2 Mandela class have been busy rehearsing for their Christmas performance and on Tuesday sang a range of Christmas and Winter Wonderland songs. All the pupils looked wonderful in their Christmas decorative hats. This was also the first time our Reception pupils have performed to such a large audience. They all did incredibly well and performed with such confidence. Thank you to all our parents/carers and extended family members who attended.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND JUMPER DAY

The pupils were all getting into the festive spirit and enjoyed eating their Christmas lunch with their teachers and friends and wearing their Christmas jumpers to school. Our lunch servers from The Pantry always do an amazing job and ensured each child enjoyed a lovely festive lunch - and made sure their stomachs were full!



WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS POETRY PERFORMANCE

Once again, our regular half termly poetry performances took place this week. Reception and KS1 performed their Christmas songs from their performance to parents and to the rest of the school, and KS2 performed their Christmas poems beautifully. Each half term, it is a pleasure to see how much enjoyment and confidence that the pupils have when performing.



YR/1 KAHLO

I'm a Little Star



Y2 MANDELA

Little Snowflake



Y3 ANGELOU

A recipe for Winter



Y4 FARAH

Talking Turkeys



Y5/6 JEMISON

Peeking past the curtains

PUPIL OF THE TERM AND OUTSTANDING KINDNESS

Our celebration assembly took place on Wednesday and we announced who was the Pupil of the Term for each class and for each curriculum subject. The pupils were nominated by their class teacher and each chosen pupil was awarded a certificate and given a festive treat. The teachers also chose one pupil from their class who has continued to follow one of our values - Kindness throughout this term.



END OF TERM PARTIES

Each class celebrated the end of term, with a festive theme party. The pupils enjoyed party games, eating party food, pulling crackers together and enjoying each other's company.





ONLINE SAFETY PARENT MEETING

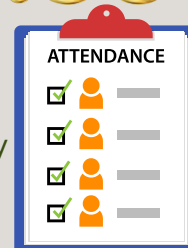
An Online Safety Parent meeting, which was run by the company - ECP Safeguarding also took place this half term. The meeting was held to help educate parents about how to keep children safe online and was also in line with the recent guidance that has been produced by the Local Authority. You can also find this Online safety guidance and poster on our 'Parent & Carers' tab under the 'Online Safety' heading. We had a very positive turnout, so thank you to all the parents who attended.

100% ATTENDANCE BREAKFAST

Well done to all the pupils who have been in school every day this Autumn term and have achieved 100% attendance. The pupils were awarded a 100% attendance certificate and parents were also notified via email. The pupils also enjoyed a celebratory attendance breakfast.

We expect all our Delta children to be punctual and attend school every day so they do not miss out on all the exciting learning and wonderful events that take place.

100%



Attendance Ladder



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Year 1 Kahlo** who had the highest year group attendance this half term.

1st - 97.6% Year 1 Kahlo

2nd - 97.3% Year 3 Angelou

3rd - 97.1% Year 5 Jemison

4th - 96.8% Year 4 Farah

5th - 95.6% Year 6 Jemison

6th - 94.7% Year 2 Mandela

7th - 94% Year Reception Kahlo

We strongly encourage parents/carers to make medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible.

Where this is not possible, pupils should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Once again, we are delighted to offer a range of enrichment clubs for the Spring term. A letter with a google form link will be emailed in the first week back. Please ensure that if your child is interested in a club, that you sign them up asap as you wouldn't want them to miss out on a place!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 6th January

Back to school - 8.45am

Tuesday 14th January

Spring Term After School Enrichment Club commences

Thursday 16th January

Year 3 Trip to St Alban's Verulamium

Wednesday 22nd January

Year 5/6 Enrichment afternoon at Aim Academy

Thursday 23rd January

Year 4 Farm to Fork Workshop

Wednesday 29th January

Delta MPs Eco Recycling Park Trip

Friday 31st January

Year 3 Angelou Class assembly at 2.40pm

Monday 3rd February

Children's Mental Health Week
52 Lives School of Kindness and Mental Health Workshop

Monday 9th February

52 Lives School of Kindness
Random Acts of Kindness Challenge Week

Wednesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February

Multicultural and Worldview Day

End of half term - 3.15pm finish

TERM DATES - 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024	
INSET DAY	Monday 2 nd September 2024
INSET DAY	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st November 2024
INSET DAY	Monday 4 th November 2024
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 th December 2024 Finish at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2025	
First Day of Term	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 4 th April 2025 Finish at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2025	
First Day of Term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half Term	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May 2025
INSET DAY	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 th July 2025 Finish at 1.30pm
INSET DAY	Monday 21 st July 2025
INSET DAY	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

TERM DATES - 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025	
INSET DAY	Monday 1st September 2025
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
First Day of Term	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Half Term	Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2025
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 3rd November 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 19th December 2025 Finish at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2026	
INSET DAY	Monday 5th January 2026
First Day of Term	Tuesday 6th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 20th February 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 27th March 2026 Finish at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2025	
INSET DAY	Monday 13th April 2026
First Day of Term	Tuesday 14th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 1st June 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 17th July 2026 Finish at 1.30pm
INSET DAY	Monday 20th July 2026

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